

Discovering Fairfax History

Welcome to the World Police and Fire Games. While in the area, either as an athlete or visitor, The City of Fairfax invites you to visit our public historic sites and explore events and personalities that defined our history. For more information about City of Fairfax History, please visit: www.fairfaxva.gov/visitors.

Schedule of Programs and Tours **June 26 – July 5, 2015**

- ❖ **Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center**, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax.
Open: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Free. 703-385-8414.
Gallery Exhibitions: “*The Fairfax Story*” and “*Through an Artist’s Eye: The Civil War Drawings of Edwin Forbes*.” **Special Exhibition:** “*Honoring Your Service*,” -- uniforms, photographs, and ephemera from the City of Fairfax Police and Fire Departments.
- ❖ **Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center**, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. Open: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Tuesday – Saturday. Closed July 4th. Free.
703-591-0560. Guided tour of the c.1859 Historic Blenheim House and grounds at 1 p.m.
Gallery Exhibition: “*A Diary on Walls: Union Soldier Signatures and Pictographs*.”
- ❖ **Ratcliffe-Allison House**, 10386 Main Street, Fairfax. Open 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturdays, June 27 and July 4. Free. 703-385-8414. Docent-led tour interprets the lives of Ratcliffe-Allison House’s many owners and residents from 1812 to 1981.
Exhibition: “*Dr. Kate Waller Barrett: Mother to Many*.”

Saturday, June 27

- ❖ **Guided Walking Tour, 11 a.m.** – Docent will lead a 90-minute walking tour of Old Town Fairfax with stops at the Fairfax County Courthouse, antebellum homes, and ending with a short tour of Ratcliffe-Allison House. Meet at the Fairfax County Courthouse, 4000 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax. Fee: \$5/adults; \$3/youth. For reservations and more information, please call: 703-385-8414 or email: susan.gray@fairfaxva.gov.

Saturday, July 4 – Independence Day Holiday

- ❖ **Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center**, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax.
Holiday Hours: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Free Admission. 703-385-8414.
See list of exhibitions above.

Special Program: The Virginia Civil War 150 History Mobile will welcome visitors from 9 am. – 4 p.m. in the parking lot at Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street, Fairfax. Admission is free. The HistoryMobile uses interactive exhibits and immersive spaces to draw together stories of the Civil War and emancipation from the viewpoints of the enslaved and free, soldier and civilian.

Birthday Party on the Lawn: Celebrate America’s 239th birthday and Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center’s 23rd birthday with free cake and lemonade and family activities. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

- ❖ **Ratcliffe-Allison House**, 10386 Main Street, Fairfax. **Open for guided tours 11:00 a.m.--2 p.m.** Free. 703-385-8414.
- ❖ **Historic Blenheim and the Civil War Interpretive Center**, 3610 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax. **CLOSED.**